

# ST PETER'S CHURCH, BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON

(NGR SX 9274 9824)

## Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

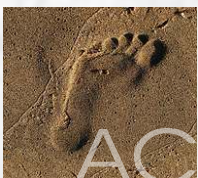
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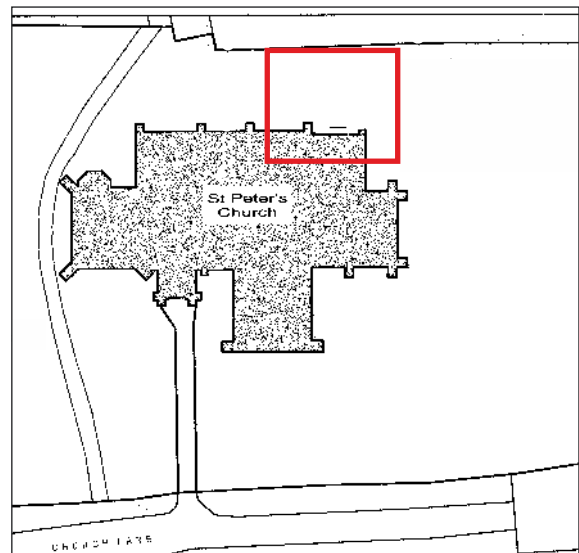
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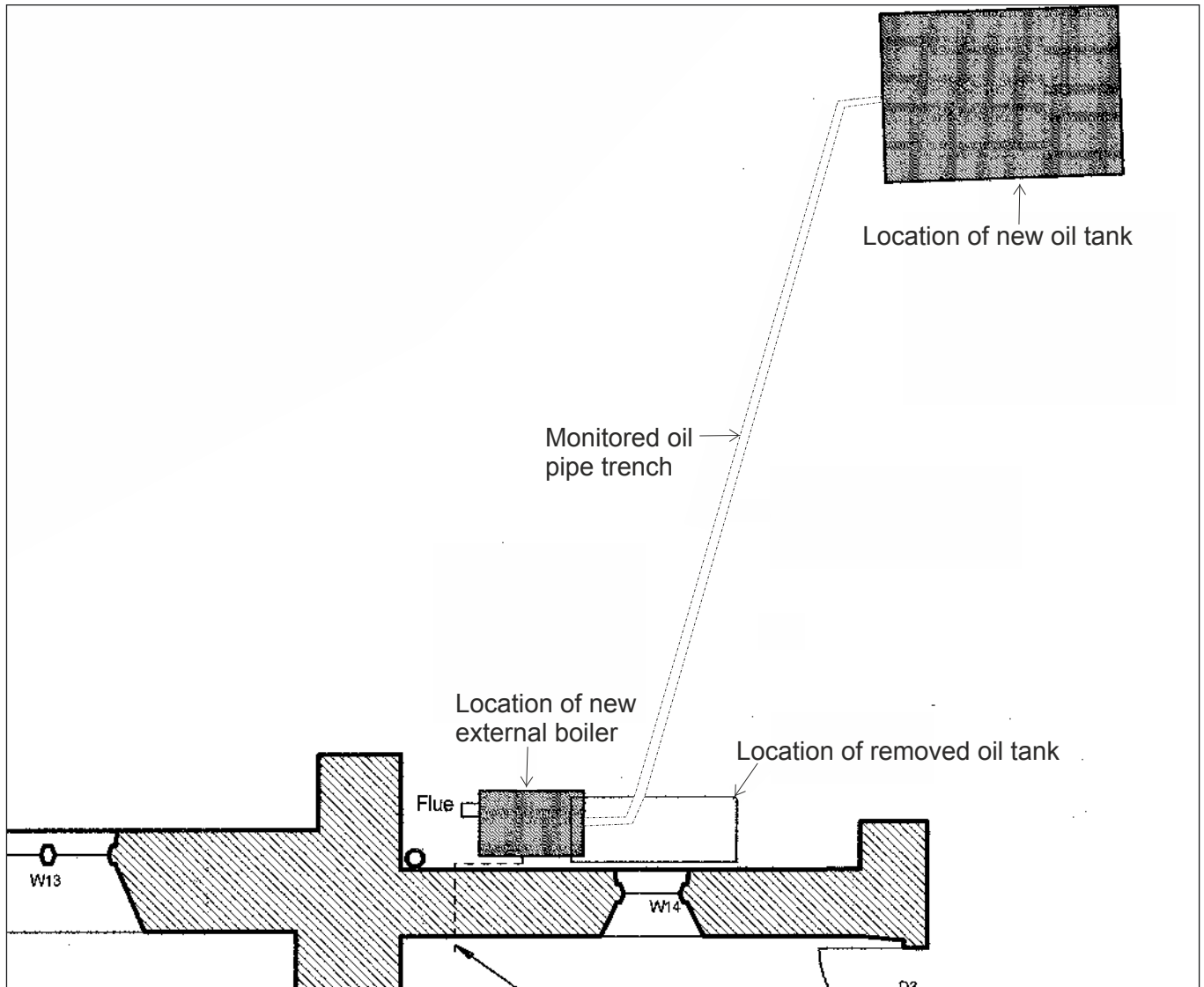
<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Brampford Speke, East Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SX 9274 9824	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> St Peter's Church, Brampford Speke, Devon: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		<b>Photo attached</b> Plates 1-3
<b>Planning Application no:</b> N/A	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 351249	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b>  ACD1973	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b>  27th March 2019	
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by AC archaeology during the installation of a new boiler and replacement of an oil tank at St Peter's Church, Brampford Speke, Devon (SX 9274 9824). St Peter's Church lies on the east side of Brampford Speke, with its curtilage set back from the main road and above low-lying pastureland adjacent to the River Exe to east (Fig. 1).</p> <p>The work involved the monitoring of an oil pipe trench linking the external boiler adjacent north aisle with the oil tank within the graveyard to the northeast (Fig. 1).</p> <p>The parish church of St Peter is Grade-I listed and, although comprises a largely 19th century rebuild, retains an earlier tower dating to the 15th century. The rebuilding, of what would almost certainly been an existing medieval structure, was undertaken in 1852-53 and consisted of a replacement nave, north aisle, south porch, south transept, north-east organ chamber and vestry. Some of the medieval fabric derived from the earlier church is considered to have been reused as part of the mid-19th century rebuild to construct the south boundary wall of the churchyard. This is Grade-II listed and comprises Thorverton stone rubble with coping stones. The 1843 Brampford Speke parish tithe map shows the church prior to the rebuild a decade later. Its footprint is shown as having a nave and the existing west tower, with symmetrical and north and south transepts. By 1888, the Ordnance Survey First-Edition 25-inch shows the church as per the existing layout. The positions of the proposed new boiler and replacement oil tank lay outside of the former church footprint.</p> <p><b>Results</b></p> <p>The monitored oil pipe trench measured approximately 2.5m long and 0.25m wide. It was excavated to a depth of 0.3m below existing levels into a mid brownish-red silty-loam topsoil.</p> <p>The groundworks did not expose any archaeological features or deposits and no finds or disarticulated human remains were present.</p> <p><b>Comments</b></p> <p>The shallow nature of the groundworks were maintained within a relatively recent soil layer and therefore did not impact on any potential burials.</p> <p>This report represents the archive for the project</p>		
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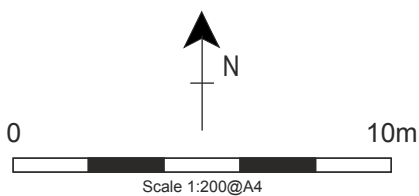
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Fig. 1: Location of site and monitored oil pipe trench





Plate 1: General view looking northeast at area of new oil pipe trench prior to excavation

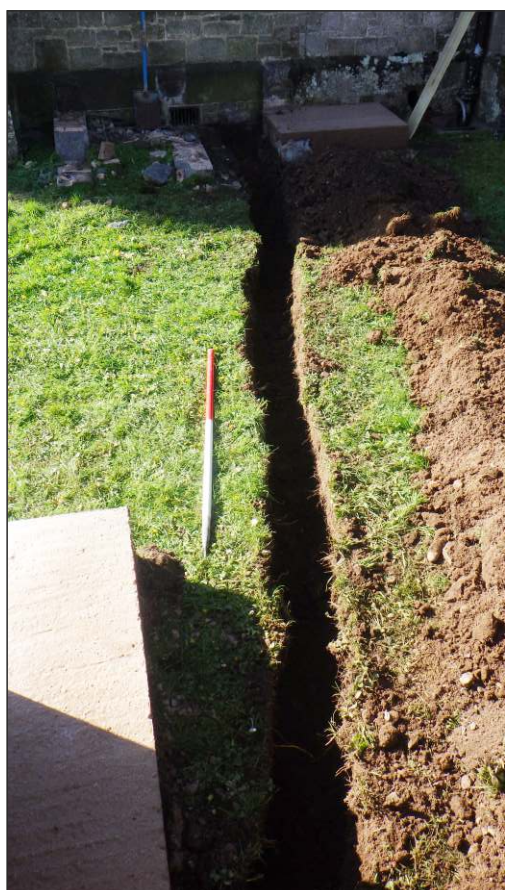


Plate 2: Showing excavated oil pipe trench, view to southwest (1m scale)

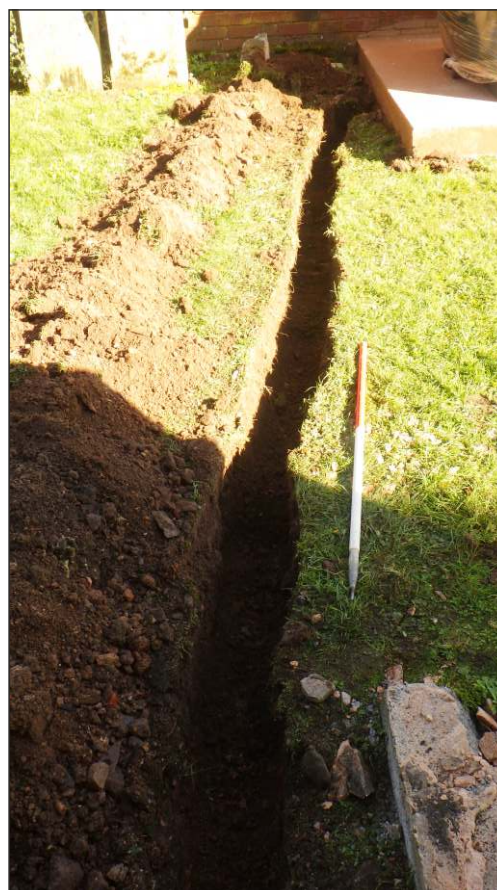


Plate 3: Excavated oil pipe trench, view to northeast (1m scale)

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